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Mr. Speaker and my distinguished colleagues in the House, please join me in honoring Mueller & Co., LLP for their legacy of achievement. Mueller & Co., LLP is a company that truly cares not only for their clients, but also for their employees.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CITY OF CORCORAN, CALIFORNIA

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the City of Corcoran, California as they celebrate their 100th Anniversary this summer.

Corcoran was incorporated in 1914 and has grown tremendously over the last 100 years. The city is located in the middle of California's fertile Central Valley and has played an important role in supporting this region's vibrant agricultural economy.

At the turn of the 20th century, the area where Corcoran now stands was a major component of the state's economy as it served as a junction for the San Francisco and San Joaquin Valley Railroad. The city began when H.J. Whitley, a land developer from Southern California, purchased 32,000 acres and moved his colleague, J.W. Guiberson to the area. Guiberson and his family were responsible for building the city's first home and business and establishing the first church in the community. Agriculture was, and still is, the highlight of this area. At its infancy, the most successful crops in Corcoran were alfalfa, grains, and sugar beets.

Despite its size, the city is home to a thriving community. For example, the J.G. Boswell Company, founded in 1925, has ties in both agriculture and real estate and is one of the largest irrigated farming operations in the world. The area also offers many educational opportunities for its youth including West Hills College and College of the Sequoias. In 2009, the Technology Learning Center opened at Corcoran High School to serve students in the community. There are also many organizations that work hard to cultivate an interest in and further understanding of agriculture in our children, such as the Future Farmers of America program and the Corcoran 4-H Club. This wonderful city is rich in history and certainly has a bright future ahead.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize the City of Corcoran, California in celebrating a successful and prosperous 100 years.

IN HONOR OF KEVIN L. COTTER OF
QUINCY, MA

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Kevin L. Cotter in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the United States' labor movement and to his hometown of Quincy, Massachusetts.

The son of Edward and June Cotter, Kevin was born on October 15, 1948, in Somerville, Massachusetts. Kevin attended St. Catherine's Grammar School in Somerville, and then went on to Sacred Heart High School in East Cambridge until it closed in 1965. Kevin then completed his schooling at Somerville High School, graduating in 1966.

Upon his graduation, Kevin applied to Plumbers' Union Local 12, where he was sworn in on October 24, 1966. He served a five-year apprenticeship and became an active Journeyman member of Local 12 in 1971. Since then, Kevin has held several appointed and elected positions throughout his career: 1973, elected to Local 12's Examining board, 1976, elected as a trustee to the Pension Annuity, Health, and Welfare Funds, 1982, served as President of the Labor Guild of the Archdiocese of Boston, 1985, elected Business Manager of Local 12. He was re-elected as Business Manager of Local 12 in 1997.

Further, Kevin held positions in addition to his responsibilities at Local 12 including: President of the Labor Guild of the Archdiocese of Boston in 1983, appointment to the Board of Directors of Massachusetts Industrial Finance Agency by Governor Michael Dukakis in 1986, Marketing Officer for Custody Services to Union, Taft-Hartley Benefit Funds at State Street Bank, appointment to Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority by Boston Mayor Thomas Menino in 2002, and Commissioner of the Quincy Housing Authority in 2002. Kevin was also elected as a delegate to the United Association National Convention in 1976, 1981, 1986, 2001, 2006, and 2011, in addition to serving on dozens of national and local labor related boards, committees, and councils.

Recognizing his good work, several organizations have honored Kevin throughout the years. In 1991, he was the recipient of the Daniel J. Tobin award from the New England Chapter of the Irish American Coalition. In 2000, he received the Jewish National Fund "Tree of Life" Award. In 2004, he was the labor recipient of the "Cushing Gavin Award" from the Labor Guild of the Archdiocese of Boston for excellence in Labor Relations. Additionally, in 2007 he was selected for the "Gompers, Murray, Meaney Award" by the MA AFL-CIO.

Mr. Speaker, Kevin is known for his integrity, loyalty, and his quick sense of humor. He has had the good fortune of being married to Betty for forty-two years; they are the proud parents to three children: Lisa, Colleen, and Kevin, and grandparents to four grandchildren: Isabelle, Gianna, Gabrielle, and Cecilia. I thank Kevin for his leadership and his service.

HONORING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF
CARY MEDICAL CENTER

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 90th Anniversary of Cary Medical Center in Caribou, Maine. Nearly a century after its founding, Cary continues to serve the people of Northern Maine with the highest quality of care, all while maintaining a special commitment to our nation's veterans.

Cary Memorial Hospital first opened to the public in September of 1924. The medical center was built on land donated to the City of Caribou by the late Dr. Jefferson B. Cary for the purpose of building a hospital. Over the next 50 years, the Hospital would welcome a number of expansions, before Caribou voters welcomed a new state-of-the-art \$7 million hospital in the mid-1970s.

Just as its namesake was a pioneer as one of the first medical professionals in Aroostook County, since its opening, the new Cary Medical Center has continued to lead the way in the future of healthcare. From the new private hospital rooms at its opening to the new Women's Imaging Center—offering the most advanced breast cancer diagnostic service in Northern Maine—the hospital has been a medical leader for the state and the region.

Perhaps closest to my heart, Cary Medical Center is known for its unwavering commitment to our nation's veterans. In 1988, Cary was the first hospital in the United States to open a VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinic. For the last several years, Cary has offered specialty care to veterans through VA's Project ARCH (Access Received Closer to Home). I was proud to help bring this program to Maine and work closely with Cary's leadership to ensure the program will continue through the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014.

Mr. Speaker, Cary is consistently recognized as one of the top hospitals in Maine and is focused on improving the health of all Mainers. As Cary nears a century of service and caring for the community and the region, I hope that you will join me in honoring the medical professionals, hospital staff, and patients who make Cary a wonderful place to provide and receive care.

TRIBUTE TO ANNE THERESE MCCUSKEY

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor my friend, Anne Therese McCuskey, who died September 4, 2014, in our hometown of Charleston after a long illness. Anne was an exemplary public servant and avid Republican. She always exhibited common sense about political issues, personal issues and was a tireless advocate. I have always been grateful that Anne was willing to work in my first Congressional campaign and serve as my District Director when I entered Congress in 2001.